(b) the number of families who have been provided with jobs in the ISRO unit;

(c) the number of families who are yet to be given employment opportunities; and

(d) by when, the wards to these families would be provided with employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Dry patta land acquired at Mahendragiri in Thirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu from 154 owners for setting up of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) of Department of Space (DoS)/Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The land was acquired after paying appropriate compensation as determined by the Government of Tamil Nadu. There was no commitment made for giving employment.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Women run milk cooperatives in Bihar

*387. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of this Ministry of set-up milk cooperatives, particularly run by women, in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Dairy Development Schemes in the country including Bihar wherein dairy cooperative societies are organised with participation from all sections including women.

Depletion of livestock

†*388. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that livestock is depleting continuously in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any policy and enact a stringent law to protect the livestock;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The population of livestock is continuously increasing over the years. The data for livestock census conducted after 1951 are given at Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Statement

LIVESTOCK-POPULATION—1951-92—ALL INDIA

(In Million Numbers)

Year	Total Livestock
1951	292.80
1956	306.60
1961	335.40
1966	344.10
1972	353.40
1977	369.00
1982	419.59
1987	445.28
1992	470.86

SOURCE: Livestock Census Reports.